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SUBJECT: U.S.-POLISH CULTURAL TALKS

REF: A. STATE 044458 B. STATE 047057

1. PUBLISHING -- WE SHARE YOUR NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE POLISH PROPOSAL TO SET UP A FUND FOR TRANSLATING PLAYS AND BOOKS. THE PROPOSAL MAY STEM FROM RICHMOND'S CONVERSATIONS WITH KAROL MALCUZYNSKI, BUT THE POLISH DELEGATES DID NOT ELABORATE UPON THE IDEA IN OUR DISCUSSION. UNLESS SOME PRIVATE U.S. FOUNDATION IS INTERESTED, WE CANNOT IDENTIFY ANY LIKELY SOURCE FOR A U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO SUCH A FUND.

2. TEXTBOOKS -- WE AGREE WITH YOUR APPROACH. IT MAY BE REPEATING THE OBVIOUS, BUT IT STRIKES US THAT THE VERY NOTION OF "VERIFYING" TEXTBOOKS IS AN UNFEASIBLE AND UNPALATABLE ENDEAVOR. WE SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING BEYOND LETTING THE POLES APPROACH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLISHERS AND PERHAPS AGREING TO NOTIFY THE GOP OF MAJOR U.S. EDUCATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND BOOK DISPLAYS. IN DISCUSSING THIS TOPIC, YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT AS RECIPROCITY THE POLES ARRANGE SIMILAR CONTACTS FOR US WITH THE POLISH PUBLISHERS OF TEXTBOOKS WHICH MENTION THE UNITED STATES. (COMMENT: IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE INDEED IF THE DEPARTMENT OPENED ITSELF TO THE ACCUSATION THAT IT WAS HELPING A COMMUNIST

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STATE CENSOR U.S. TEXTBOOKS END COMMENT.)

3. CONTACTS FOR THE POLISH VISITORS -- AMBASSADOR BARTOSZEK
SAID THAT HE WOULD "RELY UPON THE AMERICAN SIDE" FOR SUG-
GESTIONS CONCERNING CONTACTS. HE SAID THAT HE AND HIS COL-
LEAGUES WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET AMBASSADOR MARKS AND MR.
WELD. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING THEIR VISIT TO POLAND
AMBASSADOR MARKS AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE GIVEN A LUNCH AT
PARKOWA BY AMBASSADOR BARTOSZEK'S PREDECESSOR. THE GOP
ALSO WAS MOST HOSPITABLE TO ARBA DIRECTOR JOHN WARNER DURING
HIS VISIT TO POLAND FOR THE OPENING OF THE FRANKLIN AND
JEFFERSON EXHIBIT. YOU MAY WISH TO ARRANGE A MEETING OF THE
POLISH DELEGATION WITH MR. WARNER. ARRANGEMENTS FOR A MEET-
ING WITH A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
ALSO WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. THE SMITHSONIAN IS INVOLVED IN
A NUMBER OF ZLOTY-SUPPORTED PROJECTS IN COLLABORATION WITH
POLISH INSTITUTIONS. IT WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE FOR THE
DELEGATES TO VIEW THE POSSIBLE SITE FOR THE POLISH ART
EXHIBITION REFERRED TO IN PARA. G OF REFTEL B. YOU MAY
WIHS TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH SOMEONE FROM THE NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS WHICH IS INVOLVED IN PROJECTS
WITH IREX AND WILL SUPPORT THE SECOND ROUND TABLE OF
POLISH AND AMERICAN HEISTOIANS WHICH WILL BE HELD LATER
THIS YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.
FINALLY, WE SUGGEST AN EVENING AT THE KENNEDY CENTER
OR A TOUR OF IT.
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